

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2156

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2016

RE: S.B. No. 3099

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3099 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program;
- (2) Create the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program revolving fund;
- (3) Provide a single funding source to fund after school programs included in the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program; and
- (4) Make an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, State Public Charter School Commission, Office of Youth Services, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, Micronesians United Big Island, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Afterschool Alliance, Parents and Children Together, High Tech Youth Network, Pioneering Healthier Communities Honolulu, Kaho'omiki, and fifteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and one individual.



Your Committee finds that out-of-school, extracurricular programs are valuable to the development and success of Hawaii's students. Out-of-school activities reinforce lessons learned in the classroom and expose students to the arts, culture, literacy, fitness, math, science, character development, and community service. Participation in out-of-school programs lowers a student's risk of engaging in risky behaviors such as tobacco, alcohol, or drug use. Hawaii has been recognized as one of the top ten states for providing out-of-school programs, but these programs are not available to students at all schools. Your Committee finds that a uniform out-of-school program would help to ensure that all students can enjoy the benefits of these activities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3099 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



